

CITY OF AUBURN  
113 E ELM STREET  
AUBURN, MICHIGAN 48611

Regular Commission Meeting  
April 18, 2011

Auburn City Commission met at the City Hall Building, 113 E Elm Street was called to order by Mayor Eric Larsen for a regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ann Machelski, Brian Raab, Amy Rezmer, Matt Hardy, Jim, Dominowski, Eric Larsen.

Absent: Ken Charbonneau. Machelski/Hardy moved to excuse Charbonneau for personal reasons. Yeas: All Nays: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jo Ella Krantz, Karen Bellor, Officer Poltorak, Al VanOchten, representatives from the Downtown Development Authority and several residents of the community.

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Hardy/Machelski moved to approve the April 18, 2011 as printed. Yeas: All Nays: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011 REGULAR MEETING:

Hardy/Machelski moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011 as printed. Yeas: All Nays: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Hardy/Raab moved to receive the consent agenda. Auburn Williams Lion Club Annual Tag Day Drive April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 P.M until 6:00 P.M., March 2011 Financial Statements, Auburn Police Department March 2011 Activity Report, March 2011 Monthly Bay County Sheriff Deputy Activity Report. Yeas: All. Nays: None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Machelski/Hardy moved to open floor to public comment: Yeas: All Nays: None. Comments/concerns were made regarding the proposed Recreation Center. Machelski/Hardy moved to close floor to public comment: Yeas: All. Nays: None

V. Unfinished Business

1. Raab/Dominowski motioned to put the Charter revision question and Charter Commission nominees on the November 2011 ballot and that the wording for the question shall be brought to the Commission before the first meeting in August 1<sup>st</sup> for approval. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Raab, Rezmer, Hardy, Dominowski, Machelski. Nays: Larsen. Absent: Charbonneau.
2. Hardy/Machelski motioned to approve the contract for Village Green for lawn care up to \$2,539.00 for services initially only at the ball diamonds and Police

Department and other areas as needed at the discretion of the City Administrator.  
Yeas: Hardy, Dominowski, Machelski, Raab, Rezmer, Larsen. Nays: None.  
Absent: Charbonneau

## VI. New Business

1. Public Hearing and First Reading for Ordinance #193. An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Auburn Michigan by amending Section 302. Official Zoning Map.
  - a. Machelski/Hardy moved to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance #193. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - b. Machelski/Raab moved to open the floor to Public Comment. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - c. Comments Opposed: None
  - d. Comments in Favor: Tom Ittner explained that they owned a piece of property in the woods offset from any residents and have talked to those in the area and no one has any problems. It is a small parcel that they would like to rezone to Industrial so that they can put another tank in there.
  - e. Board Comments: Mayor Larsen stated that he attended the Planning Commission Public Hearing and said that there were a couple of people who had a couple of questions but once everything was explained all were happy.
  - f. Hardy/Machelski moved to close the floor to public comment. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - g. Raab/Machelski moved to suspend the first reading of Ordinance #193. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - h. Hardy/Raab moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #193 to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Auburn Michigan by amending Section 302. Official Zoning Map and suspend the actual reading. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - i. Machelski/Hardy moved to set the second reading of Ordinance #193 for May 2, 2011 at 7:00 or shortly thereafter. Yeas: All Nays: None
  
2. Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance #194. An Ordinance approving the Amendment of the Downtown Authority Development Plan and Extension of the Tax Increment Finance Plan.
  - a) Raab/Machelski moved to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance #194. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - b) Raab/Machelski moved to open the floor to Public Comment. Yeas: All Nays: None
  - c) Comments Opposed:
    - Sue Emerson: Expressed concerns regarding the continuation of funding with all of the cuts that are being made and the unknown factor in the next 20 years. She also asked if the DDA did a really huge project and did not have the money, could it be stopped.
    - Jim Emerson: Said that rather than consider a recreational center the DDA should finish up Midland St. all the way down and asked if there were any more plans for that.
    - Jerry Janowicz: Has addressed his concerns regarding the proposed recreational center.

- d) Comments in Favor: Don Hamilton explained that the reason that the Tax Increment Finance Plan needed to be extended is because it is sun setting. The plan was set up 20 years ago and is scheduled to end. In order to keep the DDA Tax Increment Finance Plan going is to do an amendment to the plan to add the things that we are doing at this point and plan to do over the next 20 years. Don also explained that the money coming into the DDA is based on the value of the property and does not have anything to do with cuts. He further explained if the assessed value and the taxable values decline then the revenues from those properties would decline as well. Adjustments have already been made to the DDA budget and further adjustments will be made as determined by the City of Auburn's budget and that each year there is a new budget prepared based on projections for the upcoming year. He clarified that the DDA works off of cash and there are no plans to borrow money and that any projects can be stopped or started based on the revenues coming in.
- e) Board Comments: Mayor Larsen informed the Public that if we did not have the DDA that Bay County would take that money and we would not have any chance to do anything with it. He noted that with the DDA setting up the system that they have set up that we can capture that tax money and use it here but it doesn't necessarily mean that we have to use it. For us to be able to capture that money we have to have a DDA with a 20 year plan and that he agreed that we should not have to borrow money for the DDA because it is captured money. Mayor Larsen explained that the DDA was going to continue with what they have been doing and that the recreational center has not been set in stone as it is only an idea generator to promote the Community. He clarified that individuals that have concerns regarding a Recreational Center need to go to the DDA meetings to express their concerns. Hardy asked what could be done if the Commission did not like something that the DDA was doing. Rezmer asked if the DDA monies had to be used in the year collected. Machelski asked if the Commission approved this first reading would this mean we are saying yes to the Recreational Center.
- f) Machelski/Dominowski moved to close the floor to public comment. Yeas: All Nays: None
- g) Raab/Hardy moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #194 approving the amendment of the Downtown Development Plan and Extension of the Tax Increment Finance Plan and suspend the first reading. Yeas: All Nays: None
- h) Machelski/Hardy moved to set the second reading for May 2, 2011 at 7:00 or shortly thereafter. Yeas: All Nays: None

VI. Hardy/Raab moved to receive the City Administrator's report. Yeas: All Nays: None

#### VII. Bills Submitted for Payment

Hardy/Raab moved to pay the bills submitted for payment. Roll call Vote: Yeas: Dominowski, Machelski, Raab, Rezmer, Hardy and Larsen. Nays: None.

VIII. Public Comment

Raab/Hardy moved to open the floor to Public Comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Comments/concerns were made regarding the Charter revision, the DDA amendment, the corner park (Elm and South Auburn) not yet cleaned up and the DDA improvements on the NW corner of W Midland and North Auburn. Hardy/Raab moved to go out of public comment.

IX. Mayor and Commissioner's Comments

Hardy commended Mike Snyder for his many years of dedication to the Auburn/Williams Fire Department. Dominowski noted that a yellow barrel at the lift station was leaking sand and needed to get cleaned up. He also addressed the conflicting vacation schedules between Deputy Peter and Officer Poltorak and asked that scheduling be placed as an agenda item at the next meeting. Rezmer asked why the Police issue was not considered a Personnel Committee issue. The Mayor requested that our temporary seasonal summer help position be placed on our corner sign and that priority/preference be given to City Residents to help support our local economy.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Raab/Hardy moved to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Yeas: All Nays: None

APPROVAL

CLERK

MAYOR